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B1 a device controller connected to a client computer via a network, wherein the device controller is capable of receiving control information from the client computer reflecting at least one instruction regarding at least one task to be performed as part of a training exercise and transmitting the control information to any device in the set of one or more devices as part of the training exercise.

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52. A system for training users to operate a set of one or more devices, wherein a client computer is connected to the system via a network and wherein a particular user uses the client computer to communicate with the system via the network to perform a training exercise using the set of one or more devices, comprising:

a device controller including:

means for receiving control information reflecting at least one instruction from the client computer regarding at least one task to be performed as part of the training exercise; and

means for transmitting the control information to at least one of the devices in the set of one or more devices so that the user can exercise control over the set of one or more devices for the purposes of training the user in the operation of the set of one or more devices.

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